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Attorney Docket No. NOVA-014

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Yu-Hwa Lo et al.
Application No. : 09/871,229 ✓ Confirmation No. : 1700
Filed : May 31, 2001
For : SURFACE-EMITTING LASER DEVICES WITH
INTEGRATED BEAM-SHAPING OPTICS AND
POWER-MONITORING DETECTORS
Group Art Unit : 2828
Examiner : Armando Rodriguez

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

A one month extension of time in which to respond to the Office action dated May 21, 2003, received in the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

Responsive to the Office action dated May 21, 2003, applicants respond as follows:

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-45 are pending in the case. An election of species has been imposed between: (1) claims 1-20 and 25-45, directed to a semiconductor laser; and (2) claims 21-24, directed to a method of fabricating a semiconductor laser.

Applicants' Response

Applicants hereby elect without traverse species (1), for initial prosecution in this application. Applicants respectfully submit that the following claims read on the elected species: claims 1-20 and 25-45.

An early and favorable action is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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